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## 1619 PROJECT

Booth Library holds 1619 project to commemorate the 400th anniversary of slaves arriving in the U.S.

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The Eastern men's soccer team needs to pick it up on offense.

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## Total enrollment rises again at Eastern

By Analicia Haynes  
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Eastern's enrollment is up 3.7 percent total headcount from 7,526 in fall 2018 to 7,806 this fall.

Total headcount includes full-time enrollment and part-time enrollment for undergraduates and graduates, and high school students taking dual credit courses.

This year there are 1,191 full-time freshmen and 67 part-time freshmen; 737 full-time sophomores and 38 part-time sophomores; 871 full-time juniors and 164 part-time juniors; and 1,177 full-time seniors and 360 part-time seniors.

Also, there are 1,580 students taking dual credit courses part-time.

There are 571 full-time graduate students and 906 part-time graduate students making it a total of 1,577.

According to tenth day numbers there is a total first-time freshman class increase of 12.5 percent from 789 in fall 2018 to 888 this fall; a 4.2 percent increase in graduate-level enrollment from 1,491 in fall 2018 to 1,554 this fall; and a 10 percent increase in freshmen and sophomores enrolled in on-campus classes.

There are 4,917 students on campus, which is a -3.25 percent change compared to last year's 5,082, and there are 1,309 students off campus, which is a 11.88 percent change compared to last year.

### "Enrollment Tail" and understanding tenth day enrollment

Eastern's Provost Jay Gatrell explained during a Tuesday Faculty Senate meeting that there is an "enrollment tail" between the upper division classes (seniors and juniors) and the lower division (freshmen and sophomores).

The current senior and junior classes are smaller classes compared to the new incoming freshmen classes and as those students graduate while enrollment continues to increase then Eastern will see significant growth, Gatrell said.

Currently there are 1,119 full-time freshmen students compared to 871 full-time juniors and 1,177 full-time seniors. There are 737 sophomores compared to last fall's 685.

## Eastern's official enrollment tables

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### TOTAL (On-Campus + Off-Campus) HEADCOUNT ENROLLMENTS

FULL			PART			TOTAL	
Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total		
HSDC	0	0	784	796	1580	1580	HSDC
FR	528	663	16	51	67	1258	FR
SO	278	459	12	26	38	775	SO
JR	369	502	43	121	164	1035	JR
SR	469	708	131	229	360	1537	SR
PB-UG	5	9	13	17	30	44	PB-UG
TOTAL UG	1649	2341	215	444	659	4649	TOTAL UG
PB-GR	4	8	4	7	11	23	PB-GR
GR	237	422	272	623	895	1554	GR
TOTAL GR	241	430	276	630	906	1577	TOTAL GR
TOTAL UG+GR	1890	2771	491	1074	1565	6226	TOTAL UG+GR
TOTAL	1890	2771	1275	1870	3145	7806	TOTAL
TOTAL Male			TOTAL Female				
3165			4641				

### With Out HS DC

	On-Campus	Change	Off-Campus	Change	Total	Change
HEAD COUNT	4,917	-3.25%	1,309	11.88%	6,226	-0.42%
FTE	4,017	-3.64%	1,050	3.17%	5,067	-2.31%

### With HS DC

	On-Campus	Change	Off-Campus	Change	Total	Change
HEAD COUNT	4,917	-3.25%	2,889	18.21%	7,806	3.72%
FTE	4,017	-3.64%	2,028	17.78%	6,045	2.62%

TABLE COURTESY OF EASTERN

Gatrell said the key to looking at enrollment growth is to look over the course of a four-year cycle and ask if there is improvement.

"Since we had two very positive cycles that are significantly larger than (the current juniors and seniors) and as those people graduate and enrollments continue to increase we will see continued growth on campus," Gatrell said. "So overall we feel very positive

about the trajectory and where we are."

Gatrell said since the university is seeing a net positive growth in the lower division level (freshman and sophomore) and that is a result being on the right trajectory and thus making progress.

The current senior and junior classes are smaller classes, which is a result of uncertainty in the state of Illinois.

"We're strong and stable and heading the

right direction," Gatrell said.

Mark Hudson, the director of housing and dining, said the increase in the freshman class this year is not an "unsubstantial number."

"Remember that a 12 percent growth (this year) is 12 percent on top of 25 percent (from last year's freshman class increase) now you're talking about a 35 percent increase compared to where we were two years ago," Hudson said. "It's that cumulative march forward."

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## Gatrell delivers enrollment report to Faculty Senate

By JJ Bullock  
Editor-in-Chief | @bullockjj

Eastern Provost Jay Gatrell delivered Eastern's tenth day enrollment numbers, conveying a message of overall positivity and growth, to the Faculty Senate Tuesday.

Gatrell reported to the senate that overall head count, which includes high school dual credit students and online students, increased 3.7 percent from last year to a total of 7,526. The senate was also informed that first-time freshman enrollment is up 12.5 percent, with Fall 2019's freshman class totaling 888 students. Freshman and sophomore enrollment overall is up 10 percent on-campus.

On-campus headcount overall, the figure which describes the actual number of students on-campus taking classes, is down again, this time decreasing 3.25 percent from 5,082 stu-

dents in Fall 2018 to 4,917 students in Fall 2019.

Gatrell explained to the senate however that this number is a reflection of what is known as an enrollment tail. Enrollment tails can be seen over the course of four-year enrollment cycles, which the university uses to evaluate growth and enrollment, and occur when the size of graduating classes and incoming classes

fluctuate significantly.

"The key to looking at enrollment growth is to look at, over the course of a four-year cycle, is 'are you improving?'" Gatrell said. "So we have had two very positive cycles (Fall 2018, Fall 2019) that are significantly larger than what would have been (Fall 2016, Fall 2017), as those people graduate and enrollments continue to increase, we will see continued growth

"So overall, we feel very positive about the trajectory and where we are. So, we are seeing net-positive growth in the lower division level and so it is a function of we are on a trajectory and making progress."

Eastern Provost, Jay Gatrell.

on campus."

"So overall, we feel very positive about the trajectory and where we are," Gatrell added. "So, we are seeing net-positive growth in the lower division level and so it is a function of we are on a trajectory and we are making progress."

The faculty senate was very pleased with Gatrell's enrollment report, according to the senate's vice-chair Jeff Stowell.

"Of course we have a great investment in our students and that's why we're here, we love to have them," Stowell said.

The senate, for the second meeting in a row, also discussed the ongoing concern surrounding the sustainability and the future of textbook rental services at Eastern.

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Local weather

WEDNESDAY THURSDAY



Sunny  
High: 78°  
Low: 54°



Sunny  
High: 76°  
Low: 58°

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West Texas shooting brings 2 cities closer

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — A Texas state trooper was the first to be shot. He pulled over Seth Aaron Ator for failing to signal a left turn, not knowing that Ator had just lost his job or that he was carrying an AR-style rifle.

From there, Ator sped more than 10 miles through the West Texas oil patch, shooting randomly from his sedan. His bullets struck a teenager at an auto dealership and a man outside a house on a quiet street. He also killed a mail carrier, then stole her Postal Service truck.

The unusual mass shooting — from behind the wheel of a car — spread terror over more than 10 miles (16 kilometers) through Midland and Odessa, two closely intertwined cities now brought that much closer by tragedy. The zig-zagging attack began along the oilfields that are the economic lifeblood of the region and cut into the neighborhoods where the petroleum boom has made housing expensive and scarce. It also tested local authorities, who have struggled to keep pace with the Permian Basin's surging growth and were short-staffed over the Labor Day weekend when the attack began.

Another vigil for the seven people killed was planned for Tuesday evening in Odessa, where the same fear familiar to other cities struck by mass shootings

has settled in.

"We had an active, rolling shooting, which kind of frightens me," said Vicki Taylor, 67, a nurse who rushed out of her clinic Saturday to care for a woman bleeding from a bullet wound in her arm. "So now are we going to be scared every time we stop at a stoplight? Every time we walk into 7-Eleven? Every time we walk outside on a sidewalk? Are we going to look at people differently? Because he probably looked like anybody else driving in a car, but he had an assault rifle."

Police ended the Labor Day weekend rampage when they finally cornered and killed Ator outside a crowded Odessa movie theater. Authorities said Ator was first pulled over at 3:13 p.m. on Interstate 20 and was killed about an hour later, at 4:17 p.m.

FBI agent Christopher Combs said Ator had been on a long downward spiral, even before getting fired from his oil-services job Saturday morning. Ator called 911 both before and after the shooting began, and Combs said Ator also phoned the FBI tip line, making "rambling statements about some of the atrocities that he felt that he had gone through."

But authorities said Ator did not make any threats in those phone calls. He obtained his rifle through a pri-

vate sale, allowing him to evade a federal background check that previously blocked him from getting a gun in 2014 due to a "mental health issue," a law enforcement official told The Associated Press.

The official spoke to the AP on Tuesday on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to discuss an ongoing investigation. The person did not say when and where the private sale took place.

Ator lived on the outskirts of Odessa, in a ramshackle shed with corrugated metal walls. Combs described it as a "strange residence" that reflected "what his mental state was going into this."

Plywood was apparently used to make additions to the shack, creating a small upstairs room perched on one corner of the structure like a turret.

A neighbor, Rocio Gutierrez, said Ator would shoot from the elevated space at night and was sometimes seen carrying bloody rabbits. Gutierrez said her family moved into a trailer in the area five months ago and lived in fear of their neighbor.

"He was a violent, aggressive person. He never said hello," Gutierrez told The Associated Press. "We saw him every day. In the morning, we would say hello to him, because he was our neighbor, but he didn't even turn around."

Military takes precautions as Dorian threatens Virginia's coast

NORFOLK, Va. (AP) — The U.S. military is taking precautions as Hurricane Dorian threatens ships and planes based on Virginia's coast.

U.S. Air Force Col. David Lopez said in a statement Tuesday that F-22 Raptor fighter jets and T-38 Talon training planes will leave Langley Air Force Base in Hampton. The planes will fly to the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base outside Columbus, Ohio.

Meanwhile, the U.S. Navy is or-

dering ships on Virginia's coast to prepare to leave if necessary.

Vice Adm. Andrew Lewis said in a statement that ships at the world's largest Navy base in Norfolk and other nearby installations will be ready to depart within 24 hours.

By heading out to sea, the ships will better protect themselves and reduce significant potential damage to piers, airplanes and other pieces of infrastructure.

Pentagon Oks military construction cash

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary Mark Esper has approved the use of \$3.6 billion in funding from military construction projects to build 175 miles of President Donald Trump's wall along the Mexican border.

Pentagon officials would not say which 127 projects will be affected, but say details will be available tomorrow after members of Congress are notified. They say half the money will come from military projects in the U.S., and the rest will come from projects in other countries.

Elaine McCusker, the Pentagon comptroller, says the money will be used to build 11 border projects.

Trump declared a national emergency in order to use military construction and other federal funds to build the wall after Congress provided only a portion of the \$5.7 billion the president wanted for the barrier.

Facebook face recognition feature to replace tag suggestions

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Facebook says it is ending its practice of using face recognition software to identify users' friends in uploaded photos and automatically suggesting their "tag" them.

Instead, it is replacing the feature, called "tag suggestions," with its broader face recognition setting, which identifies people's faces in photos for various uses, not just tagging. Beginning Tuesday, people who are new to Facebook, or previously had the tag suggestions setting available, will instead get the face recognition setting, which they can turn on. It will be off by default.

People who had the tag suggestions setting turned off will see a notice about face recognition and a button to turn it on or keep it off.

Facebook was sued in Illinois over the tag suggestion feature and a federal appeals court has ruled the lawsuit can proceed.

TODAY ON CAMPUS

Booth Library Tours | 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM | Booth Library

Eastern students, faculty and staff members are encouraged to take a tour of Booth Library and find out what the library has to offer. Twenty-minute tours will be offered regularly during the first three weeks of the semester. No reservations necessary; simply come to the Research Help desk on the north end of the library to join a tour.

Resume Writing | 10:00 - 11:00 AM | 1301 Human Services Center

Whether you need help starting a resume or already have one, this workshop is for you. We will discuss the proper structure and content employers are looking for in addition to how to make your resume stand out. Reservations Required. Call 217-581-2412 or RSVP at: <https://eiu-csm.symplicity.com/students/>

GSD Eat & Greet | 12:15 - 1:15 PM | Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity

Bring your lunch and come get to know the GSD Center, the staff, and other students!

Fall Summit for Leaders of Graduate Education | 4:00 - 6:00 PM | 1895 Room, MLK Jr. Student Union

Leaders of graduate education will meet to discuss issues related to graduate study for the upcoming academic year.



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"That takes a lot when you have a big graduating class leaving to replace that," Miller said. "Overall when you look at those big graduating classes and we're still going up, we are thrilled about that."

## Understanding Credit Hours and Dual Credit

Paul McCann, the interim vice president of business affairs, said he is pleased with the enrollment increase from the business side of things because the amount of credit hours this year is very close to matching the amount of credit hours from last year.

McCann said this year the number of credit hours is very close to matching the number from last year and part of that reason is the increase in the enrollment number of incoming freshmen and transfers.

That number is growing compared to the number of students who graduate from Eastern.

"We are at the place ... where we wanted to be (this year), we wanted to have as many students coming in as going out (and) we are there and I measure that by credit hours," McCann said.

When it comes to dual credit, though, McCann said the reason universities count that number is because the Board of Education wants "everybody on the same basis," and by "everybody" meaning community colleges and four-year institutions.

McCann said there is some tuition dollars that come from dual credit enrollment and the uni-

versity receives that money either from the actual student taking the course or the district that student or students are in.

"There is a benefit to having dual credit students and the biggest benefit is they know about Eastern and they start thinking (about coming to school here)," McCann said. "That's our job, to make sure that they understand that we are a college that wants them to come."

## How does enrollment grow?

Josh Norman, the associate vice president for enrollment management, said in an Aug. 28 interview that there were several factors that contributed to enrollment growth.

One of those factors is the strategic enrollment plan put in place in 2017.

The 10-year plan adjusts annually to reflect the changing data collected from college choice surveys, and the end goal is to reach an on-campus enrollment of 9,000 to 10,000 students.

Hudson said that one of the many goals under this initiative is to grow the freshman class by 100 students every year for the next 10 years.

"If we keep building and get our freshman class up to 1,200 or so, that would sustain our enrollment," Hudson said. "If we have three or more years of sustained growth, we could reach that 9,000-student mark and that's a really sweet mark for us as an institution."

Norman said the team helping with the strategic enrollment plan finished 66 action plans during this enrollment cycle, which include redesigning the major and minors database on Eastern's website and making mailings to potential students more personal.

He said personalization is also a key to enrollment success.

Other factors that help with enrollment growth include the help from admissions staff, continued rebranding efforts, alumni support and stable leadership on campus, Norman said.

Miller said another factor that helped encourage enrollment growth is the development of relationships between alumni and students and people already working in key offices on campus, and having stability in place in certain leadership roles such as admissions counselors and the processing staff in the admissions office.

Miller said having people in place and constantly improving teamwork within offices on campus encourages enrollment growth because everyone is on the same page and adds their own pieces.

As for the overall feel on campus, Miller said there is a clear change.

"You see the parking lots fuller and you see Walmart busier and just walking through campus, you can feel it. You have offices hiring people back so all of that contributes to that (happy) feeling and it took a lot of hard work across campus," Miller said.

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## » SENATE

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The current textbook rental system at Eastern is set up so that students, regardless of the department they are in, pay a fixed fee based on credit hours for textbooks. The money from that collected fee is then used to pay for their textbooks and the textbooks of any other student or department as needed.

The challenge, which the senate discussed, is the sustainability of that model, Stowell said.

The sustainability issue lies in that some publishers of textbooks no longer print hard copies of materials required for courses and switch to digital or online textbooks. The problem arises in the purchasing of those materials. When a hard copy textbook is purchased by the university, it can be used year-after-year until it needs to be replaced. The digital versions need to be repurchased every year.

"As a senate, our hope is that we can, for one, find possible solutions that would be amenable to faculty, that would work well for students, to help get the material we need for our classes," Stowell said. "Faculty Senate may play a role in helping gather information that would be helpful in making those decisions."

There is currently a textbook advisory committee in place at Eastern, which serves to advise the Textbook Rental staff. However, changes over the years in staffing at Eastern and people moving around has halted the progress of the textbook advisory committee.

"It seems like every so often we come up with a committee that gets really excited to do something and then something changes and

it gets tabled and we pick it up again, and so we are hoping that we can get some momentum this time because we really are facing a different world in terms of materials and textbooks," Stowell said.

The senate also touched on concerns surrounding the staffing and availability of a testing center at Eastern. Eastern's testing center used to serve students out of 9th Street Hall, but during Eastern's fiscal crunch, that service went away. This left faculty and staff with a logistical issue of what to do with students who did indeed need special accommodations when it came to taking tests.


Departments have been left to find their own solutions on this matter in the absence of a testing center.

The issue, however, with having a testing center is financial, as staffing a center would be costly and would likely require a workday that spanned from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"Finding a way that just best serves our students needing accommodations," Stowell said of a possible solution. "Whether that is finding a model that departments are able to staff to meet the demands of the time and resources required to help those students or whether or not it is something more centrally located where we could have equal support across campus for all of our students who need accommodations."

Stowell said the question the senate had was which options were financially feasible for Eastern.

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## Volunteers Needed!

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**Saturday, September 21, 2019**

from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the grounds of Lake Land College.

Volunteer registration forms are available in 1212 Buzzard Hall and must be returned no later than Wednesday, September 18.

An informational meeting for all BLU students and parents on  
Thursday, Sept. 17 from 6 - 8:30 p.m. in 1901 Buzzard Hall Auditorium.

Help us spread the word by posting to your social accounts!

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## STAFF EDITORIAL

## Tenth day numbers show step in right direction

Eastern's tenth day enrollment numbers were released on Tuesday and once again, on-campus head count is down. This time the number of students on-campus dropped 3.25 percent to 4,917, in Fall 2018 that number was 5,082.

Last week, we at The Daily Eastern News, wrote an editorial stating that the number of on-campus students would be the most important figure to look at when evaluating enrollment in Fall 2019. While total enrollment, which includes online and dual-credit high school students once again rose, this time 3.72 percent to a total of 7,806 students, the number of students actually on-campus is once again, regrettably lower.

However, we at The Daily Eastern News, believe that a closer inspection of the enrollment numbers show a very positive trend moving forward for Eastern.

The size of the first-time freshman class is up from last year from 789 students to 888. The total number of freshman and sophomores enrolled in on-campus classes is also up 10 percent. The residence halls are reporting an increase in occupants and generally the younger classes of Eastern's current students are growing.

That is certainly a step in the right direction for a school that once found itself on the opposite end of that narrative.

We are pleased to see the growth and hope that it continues in the coming years, despite on-campus head count being down again, the overall numbers paint a brighter picture of Eastern's future.

The number of transfer students attending Eastern from other four-year universities is also up a reported 50 percent in Fall 2019. Graduate numbers are up 4.2 percent and the number of international students rose as well.

The number we feared to see was another drop in on-campus head count, and we did indeed see it in Fall 2019. The impact of this number on the Charleston and Eastern community should still not be ignored, as less students on-campus means less activity in the community.

But that number should not be overreacted to just yet and should be taken into consideration with the fact that based on current freshman enrollment, that number should rise in the coming years.

Eastern's administration, faculty and staff were pleased with the enrollment numbers released on Tuesday, and the Charleston and Eastern communities should be as well, because while on-campus enrollment is still down, things are certainly trending in the right direction.

The daily editorial is the majority opinion of the editorial board of The Daily Eastern News.

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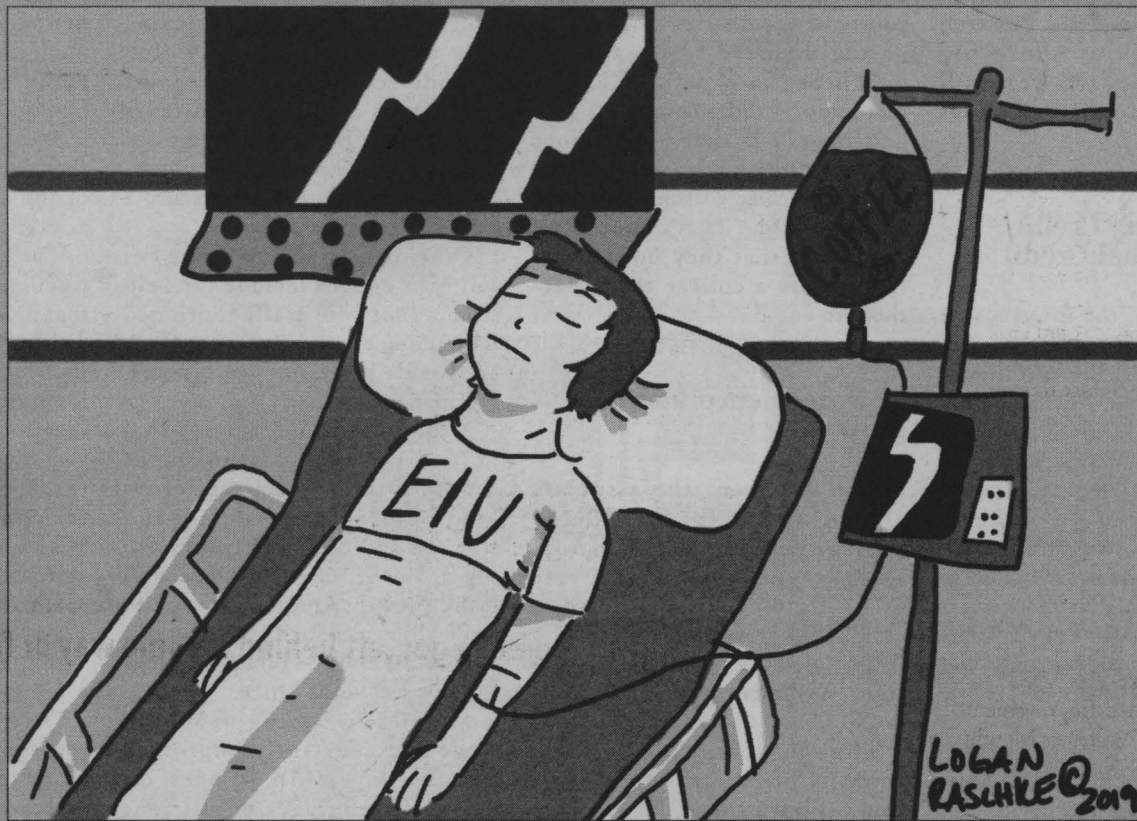
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## A coffee emergency



## Stop using memes for rule enforcement

Memes serve a valuable purpose in our society. Well, maybe not a valuable purpose, but they certainly do have a purpose. That purpose is to entertain. Unfortunately, that is about all they are good for.

In the residence hall where I live, memes are failing miserably at trying to fulfill another purpose.

All over my floor, memes are taped onto the walls, urging people to follow the rules. The rules are relatively minor, but the memes have proven to be completely incapable of enforcing them.

The worst examples are in the bathroom stalls and above the drinking fountains, where brave memes try every day to do their jobs, to no avail.

Stationed above the drinking fountains is that Boromir "one does not simply walk into Mordor" meme from "Lord of the Rings."

In this case, he is stating that "one does not simply leave food in the water fountain," but based on the collection of wet vegetables gathered around the drain, it seems quite simple.



ADAM TUMINO

People find draining their noodle cups into the drinking fountain as tempting as the heir of Denethor found the Ring of Power. Hopefully the noodle-drainers will not have to redeem themselves by protecting two Hobbits from an army of Uruk-Hai before being killed by three arrows to the torso.

On bathroom patrol is that meme of the guy pointing to his head and saying things like "you can't get fired if you don't have a job."

But now he does have a job, and his duties include telling people "they can't yell at you

for not flushing the toilet if you just flush the toilet."

Luckily for him, he is printed on a piece of paper and his eyes are permanently facing forward. If he could look down and see the contents of the toilet bowl, he would be very disappointed.

People should not need a meme to tell them to flush the toilet. There is a voice in your head that should be telling you that. If that voice is absent, you may have bigger problems to deal with.

Seeing these memes fail time after time has taught me two things: People are gross, and memes would make terrible cops.

There are other jobs memes can have. But they should not be responsible for public health and safety.

Also, flush the toilets for god's sake. I know that you don't want to touch the handle, but you have to. Just wash your hands after.

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## There are pros, cons to living off campus

This semester, my boyfriend and I have a house off campus, and it's a much different experience than living in a dorm. I used to live in Thomas Hall, and I loved it. I've always suggested living on campus to new students, and I would still encourage underclassmen to live on campus since it provides new students with easy channels to make friends, get involved and network. However, now that I have a house, I totally recommend it for anyone deciding to live off campus. Below are just a few pros and cons I've recently realized from living off campus.

Pro: I have my own space that I can decorate myself with no limitations. No one can tell me to be quiet or to go to bed. No one can tell me when I can or can't have people over or who those people can be. The freedom is amazing.

Con: There's no meal plan. Not having a meal plan or dining dollars has honestly been rough. I'm so used to running through the food court and getting Chick-Fil-A at least once a week, but now I have to actually pay for it. I've accidentally tried to pay with non-existent dining dollars several times already.

Pro: I have a dog. This summer, my boyfriend



JESSICA STEWART

and I adopted our cute little Sadie from the shelter. I've never had a dog before, and I always said when I got my own house I'd get my own dog. I absolutely love having her, and she definitely makes living off campus worth it. I wrote a column about her over the summer, so you can read that if you want to know more about her and how much I love her.

Con: Finding parking on campus is almost impossible. There are nowhere near enough student parking spaces around here, but if you have a staff parking pass, it's a piece of cake. All of my classes this semester are in Coleman Hall, and the closest

student lot is across the street and down the street. It's not a terrible walk, but it sucks having to leave earlier than I usually would.

Pro: I have a fantastic house. We really made this house ours, and I love every single room. It's a three bedroom house with a huge backyard and front and back porches. I'm thankful to have this as my first house of my own, and I'm proud of myself for being able to handle it at only 20 years old. I was a little scared when we first decided to rent the house. I was worried we wouldn't be able to afford it along with balancing school and jobs. However, we have done very well for ourselves so far.

Pro: I think I'm honestly most excited about getting trick-or-treaters this Halloween.

The pros far outway the cons. Living on campus is great, but so is living off campus. They both have their own benefits, so you just have to decide what works best for you, and I think living off is working out nicely for me.

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# 1619 Exhibit, Race Card Project kick off '400th'

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Two events were held to kick off a series of events with the purpose of looking in depth at race in the past, present and future in American society.

The event falls on the 400th anniversary of the first Africans being brought to what is now the U.S.

The first event of the day was held in Booth Library to show the "1619 Exhibit" and introduce The Race Card Project.

The purpose of The Race Card Project was to allow those in attendance to write down in six words their thoughts, experiences or observations about race.

Some statements written for the board included: "No such thing as (insert race) enough," "The only race is human race," "It's not my story to tell," "We're more alike than we're different" and "Nature didn't make race—we did."

The event also included speeches from Eastern President David Glassman, Catherine Polydore, associate professor of college student affairs, and David Smith, a professor of history.

Smith had the idea to do something on campus related to the 400th anniversary of the first Africans being brought to the U.S. and was a part of the committee that brought the events together.

Glassman said diversity and inclusion are important parts of a college campus.

"The university wants to be a place where inclusion exists and free speech happens," Glassman said. "A university campus is one that allows such dialogue to take place respectfully and to hear all sides."

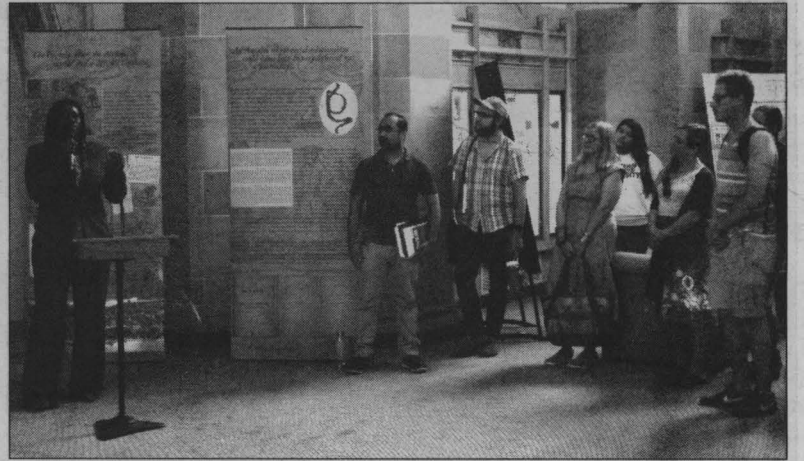
Glassman said he thinks the events scheduled for the 1619 Exhibit will be beneficial to the campus.

Smith said college should be a setting where people are thinking about how they understand society.

"It's a time to confront what can be difficult issues," Smith said.

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Catherine Polydore, professor of college student affairs, talks at the 1619 Exhibit and Race Card Project event at Booth Library Wednesday.

## Students give tips for self-care, self-improvement

By Hannah Shillo  
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Eastern students expressed their self-care tips in time for Self-Improvement Month and Self-Care Awareness Month, which is recognized in September.

Sam Hennegan, a sophomore English and philosophy major, said she practices self-care every day.

"I think it's super important," Hennegan said. "I mean, I have mental health issues myself, so I have been told time and time again, 'You need to take time for yourself; otherwise, you're going to just crash,' and I've definitely noticed that if I don't take time for myself every single day, then I do crash at the end of the day."

Hennegan said taking a minute to clear her mind while taking deep breaths is her go-to self-care activity because of

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-Alex Smith, accounting major

how quickly it can affect her.

"If I have more time, I'll take a nap or I'll eat something really healthy that I know I like to eat, or I'll even just watch TV or something like that," she said.

Senior accounting major Alex Smith said he practices self-care by working out or studying topics that engage his mind.

"Of course we all study; we're students, but doing activities in particular that really challenge my brain and make me think very deeply, that's what I do," Smith said. "I think it is very important for people to practice self-care and I feel like those who don't will possibly get left

behind in some way or fashion."

Smith said he thinks self-improvement is just as important as self-care.

"It's important that each and every one of us understands how we can improve as individuals every single day," Smith said. "I write down goals and I try to achieve those goals on a daily basis and see where I'm at, whether I achieve them or not. As long as I made strides towards that, then that's, in my opinion, self-improvement."

Setting those goals has helped Smith "tremendously" in terms of growing into the man he wants to be, even though

he said he still has some obstacles to overcome.

"At 21 years old, I've grown a lot since I've been 18 or 16, but I'm still not where I want to be academically, spiritually or even financially," Smith said. "There are different definitions and areas of growth, and in terms of how my plan has helped me, it's coming along (and) I'm progressing."

Hennegan said there are always ways for people to improve themselves.

"It doesn't matter if you're two or if you're 102," Hennegan said. "You can always improve yourself, and the best

way to do that is to tell your friends that you want to continue working (on yourself)."

Active Minds, an organization dedicated to bringing awareness to mental health, said on its website that self-care is an important part of maintaining a healthy relationship with oneself.

"It means doing things to take care of our minds, bodies and souls by engaging in activities that promote well-being and reduce stress," the website said. "Doing so enhances our ability to live fully, vibrantly and effectively. The practice of self-care also reminds both you and others that your needs are valid and a priority."

Merriam-Webster defines self-improvement as "the act or process of improving oneself by one's own actions."

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Julian Gomez, a sophomore digital media major, takes pictures for his Introduction to Photography course outside Klehm Hall Tuesday. Gomez said he had to take five pictures with a human subject with five different techniques in only 30 minutes.

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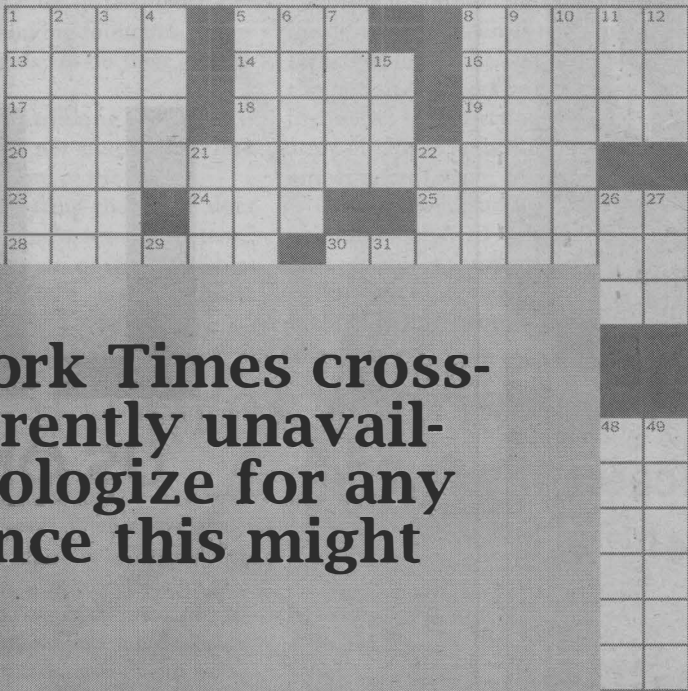
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- 18 They're usually caught lying down
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- 20 Bouncer who can always spot a fake?
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- 9 Hollywood star whose birth name is Alfredo
- 10 Acquire midseason, as a sports team might
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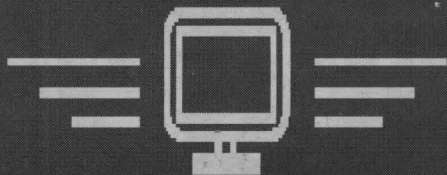
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- 30 Light airs
- 31 Doubter's question
- 33 One looking for a match?
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- 36 What B and C (but not A) may represent
- 37 Starbucks size

- 38 Long-bodied predator
- 39 Sister channel of VH1
- 40 Yellowfin tuna
- 43 Nautical chart markings
- 44 Deepest, as feelings
- 45 Refuse to settle
- 47 College town located, appropriately, near Ulysses, N.Y.
- 48 Oklahoma athlete

- 51 Just make it
- 54 Showed the way
- 55 Shakespearean warning word
- 56 Bit of kindling
- 57 "That's my \_\_\_!"
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VOLLEYBALL | NOTEBOOK

# OVC volleyball off to a sluggish start

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When the Eastern volleyball team began its season 0-3 over the weekend, they were not the only OVC team to struggle.

Eastern is among five winless teams in the conference; Murray State and Austin Peay are two of those teams, despite being picked to finish first and second in the conference in a preseason coaches' poll.

Austin Peay's three losses already has them within two losses of their total last season.

Overall, the 12 teams in the conference are a combined 9-28 so far with only two teams, Morehead State and Southern Illinois Edwardsville, posting winning records.

Wins and losses do not mean much until conference play begins at the end of the month. But the OVC's winning percentage is down over 20 points from the end of last season, dropping from just over 46 percent to just over 24 percent.

It has only been one weekend, and only Eastern, Jacksonville State and Belmont have played at home so far. The teams will have plenty of time to shore things up before the games start really mattering.

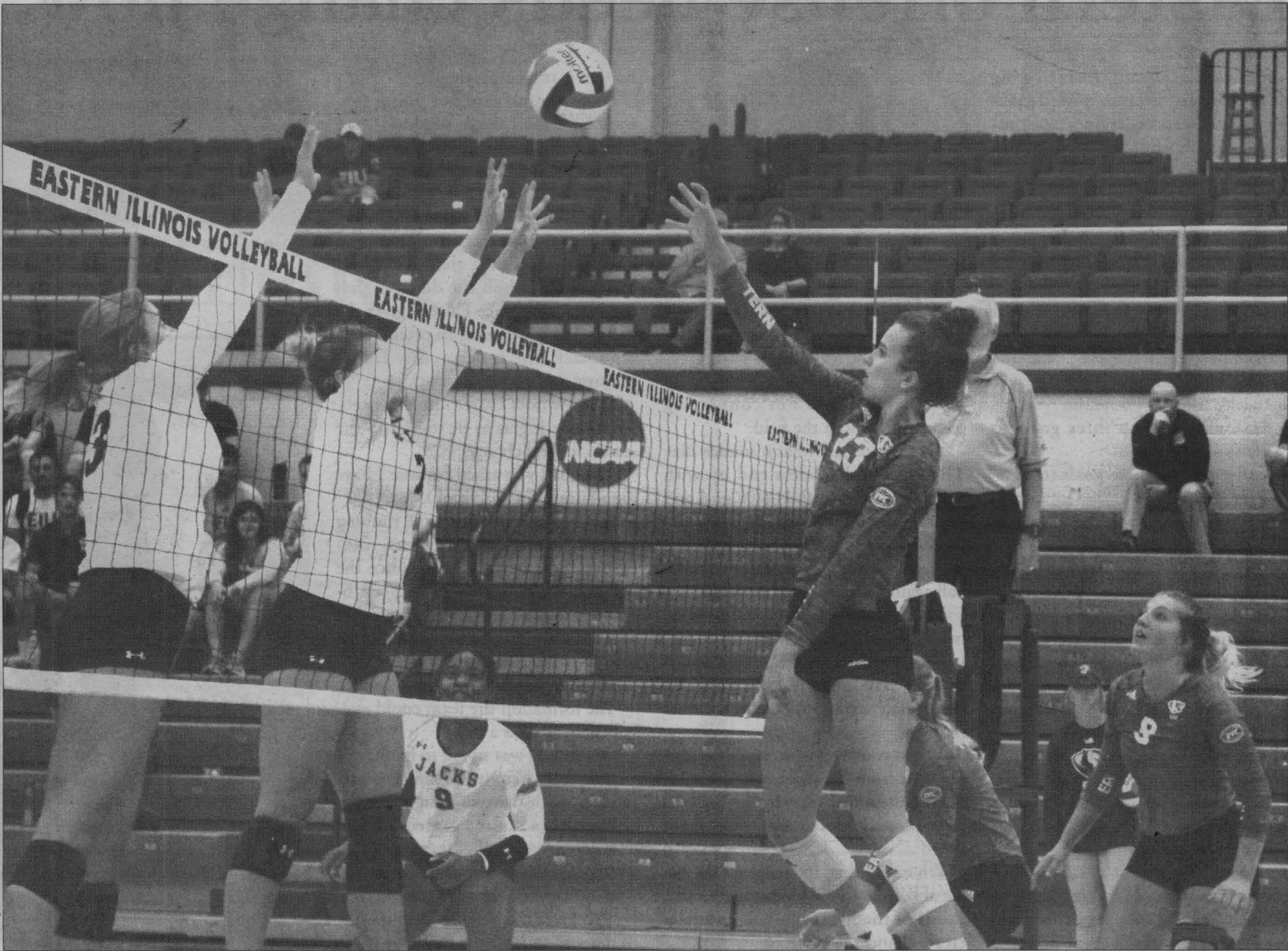
Eastern, despite going winless, is in the top five in the OVC in every statistical category except opponent hitting percentage, in which the Panthers rank 10th.

The Panthers rank third in hitting percentage, service aces and digs, fourth in blocks and assists, and fifth in kills.

Three Eastern players were also nominated for the OVC weekly honors released on Sept. 2.

Senior Maggie Runge was nominated for both Offensive and Defensive Player of the Week, sophomore Bailey Chandler for Setter of the Week and freshman Ireland Hieb for Newcomer of the Week.

Hieb led the team over the weekend



Eastern's Kylie Michael lofts the ball over the net and a pair of South Dakota State players in the Panthers' 3-1 loss to the Jackrabbits on Aug. 30. Michael finished with four points and a block in the match.

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with 35.5 points, and Runge finished third on the team with 31 points.

Chandler's 111 assists so far are the fourth-most in the OVC, and her average 10.09 assists per set rank third in the conference. Chandler also ranks 10th with .36 service aces per set.

The only other Eastern players on

OVC leaderboards are sophomore Hannah Sieg and junior Madison Cunningham.

Sieg is tied for fourth in blocks, averaging one per set, and ranks seventh with her hitting percentage of .300.

Cunningham, who is fully taking on the role of libero this season, ranks sev-

enth in digs with an average of four per set. Her 44 total digs are the sixth-most in the OVC.

As more games are played in the coming weeks, the OVC volleyball standings will start to take a more substantive shape.

It is unlikely that the conference as

a whole will only win one out of every four games, as has been the case so far.

It is still very early in the season, and the conference record is the only one that really matters.

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## MEN'S SOCCER | COLUMN

# Eastern offense needs change now, not later

Kiki Lara necessarily focused a big portion of the offseason toward making the men's soccer team a new, improved and hopefully more productive offensive threat.

Lara, the head coach, and his players made this season's preseason storyline about the optimism of an offense sending more players forward with the attack and scoring more goals.

Yet, after just two matches (the first two of the season), the storyline is the exact opposite: An offense that shows no differentiation from last season and that yields little-to-no results.

Evansville put up three goals to Eastern's one Aug. 30.

Xavier put up three goals to Eastern's zero Monday.

Evansville outshot the Panthers 11-5 (7-2 for shots on goal).

Xavier outshot the Panthers 18-2 (6-1 for shots on goal).

Is there truly something to critique, or are these results indicative of an Eastern team that has played two respectable teams?

Evansville is a rival of Eastern's, especially recently, and Xavier was ranked 14th in the NCAA preseason rankings and opened the season by defeating Akron, who was ranked 21st in the preseason.

But no excuses are to go beyond this point.

Eastern's offense reverted back to its lackluster and subpar offense from last season, already in these first two matches.

Yes, Eastern did score once, but it came off a breakaway. Not to discredit scoring a goal, since I know I always felt great when I did, but you cannot count on breakaways all the time.

The starting lineup is basically the same for the offense, with the key players from last year returning.

I do truly believe the talent is there, but the style the team reverted to is not working and did not work last year.

That is why no excuses are allowed because for a whole year now, there was no indication of improvement, or signs of more players forward on the



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attack (like the team wants to do).

Eastern is getting few chances to score because it is not connecting passes throughout the field.

That means just what it sounds like: The Eastern defenders end up with the ball in front of their own goal and typically try to just kick the ball up to the forwards in the hope the forwards (usually alone) can actually win the ball against three or four defenders.

That is another issue coming up briefly, but this problem of not engaging the midfielders creates a disparity that Eastern cannot overcome by desperately trying to score in the final minutes.

When you are able to establish supply lines from the defense to the midfield to the forwards, it makes the other team work harder and wears them down.

On top of that, by making sure you are able to hold possession in all three thirds of the field, you will naturally create chances to score.

But that is only possible if you commit players up on the field (toward the attacking third) and manage to keep possession.

So far, Eastern reverted to playing it safe by not having many players up at all and instead opting to keep players back a little bit.

This creates a gap between the middle of the field and the attacking third, where a lot of your possession and chance-creating should start to happen.

That typical Eastern play of a defender airing the ball up to a forward and hoping good will come from it is the epitome of the ineffective offense

Eastern is still employing.

With the players not going forward (not even the midfielders), the forward gets the ball (if he can win it) and has to hope he can wait until the cavalry shows up to relieve him of his frivolous one-on-three campaign.

It has led to so many turnovers and lost possession time that it will and has taken a toll on the defense; that toll being that since Eastern gives the ball to the other team so often, Eastern's back line is constantly facing pressure and eventually cracks.

So, how does Eastern fix this problem before it gets to be too far in the season for real change?

I am glad you asked because I have the solution (or so I think).

Firstly, Eastern seems to be running a 3-5-2 formation (defenders, midfielders and forwards), but once the ball is kicked off, it turns into a 3-6-1 formation almost, since the other forward drops back a bit (which turns into the case of the lone forward constantly fighting losing battles).

The formation the team could really benefit from is a 3-5-2.

Oh, wait, I was trying to fix that.

Oh, yeah, here it is: Run three defenders, with the two wingbacks positioned ahead of the centerback and one defensive midfielder positioned ahead of the two wingbacks (it would form a diamond shape in the back).

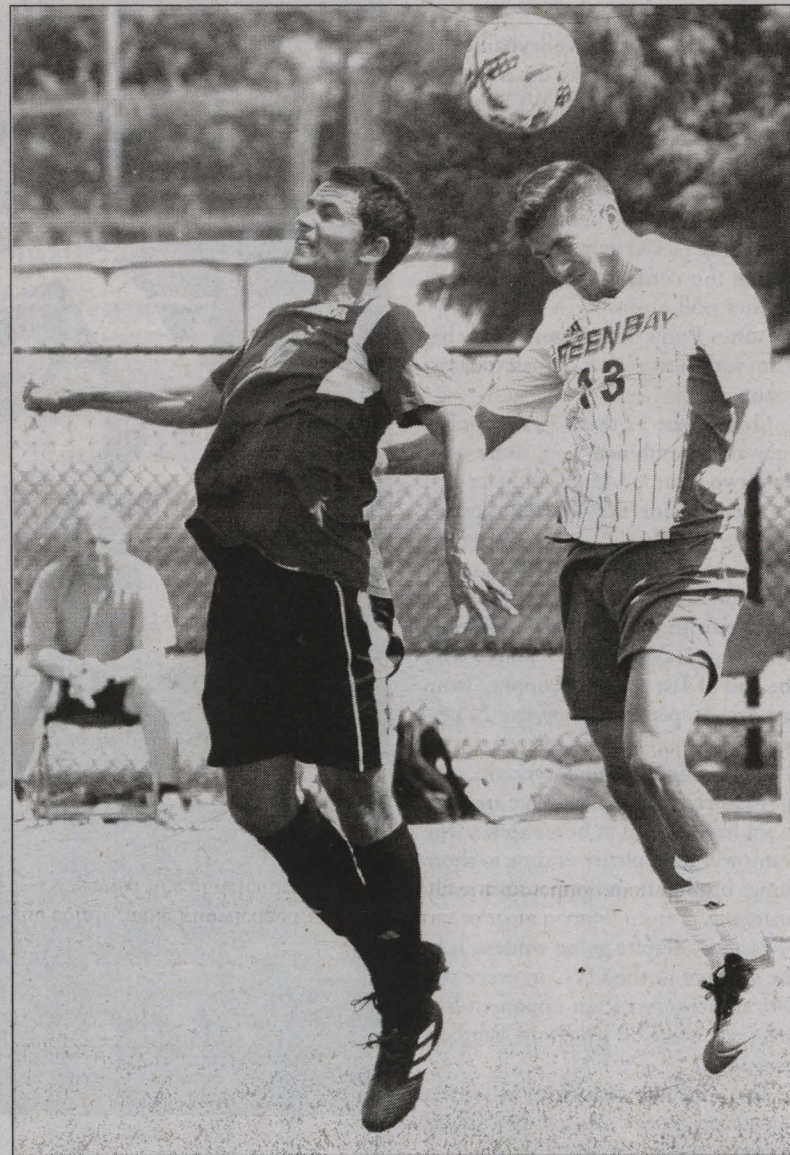
This gives the defense an extra line of defense to help the fact that it has given up two or three goals due to an opposing attacker getting behind them to get an easy score.

This also positions one player directly in front of the defense to help them connect passes out of the defensive third up the field better.

The other four midfielders can be evenly spread across, well, the middle of the field.

Lastly, that two at the top of the formation will be a true two—both forwards will commit to staying up.

This formation should help the Panthers pass the ball through the field better, while also giving them more options up top.



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Matheus Santos goes up for a headball as a Green Bay defender challenges him. Eastern lost the September 2018 match 1-0 at Lakeside Field.

Two forwards against three or four defenders is certainly an improvement over one versus the majority.

On top of that, Eastern could finally send more numbers forward with the comfortable knowledge that there is a staggered line of defenders to deter getting passed on counters.

Eastern has a similar setup currently, but with the revamped 3-5-2, the players would stay in their designated areas to help move the ball.

Eastern players now move too far away from each other to connect passes and pose a real threat.

These simple changes should help the Panthers create more opportunities to score because if they do not figure out something soon, finding a way to score later will become even tougher.

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## WOMEN'S SOCCER | COLUMN

# Rough start is not indicative of Panthers' season

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It has not been a ceremonious beginning to the season for the Eastern women's soccer team.

The team's 0-2 start began with a 6-0 season-opening loss against Ball State, and after a week off, the projected No. 2 in the Western Athletic Conference, Missouri-Kansas City, staved off the Panthers in a 2-1 contest.

On paper, you might expect those two scores to be flipped.

Ball State has been touted as a defensive-minded team after posting just 1.5 goals per game last season, whereas the Roos managed 2.43 per game in 2018.

After the season-opening loss, junior midfielder Haylee Renick likened the Ball State contest to last year's matchup with Milwaukee, citing it as a learning game.

In 2018, after Eastern fell to Milwaukee by a 3-0 deficit, Eastern cleaned up non-conference play with a 2-3-1 record, eventually nabbing the No. 3 seed for the OVC Tournament.

In 2019, nonconference play did not start any easier, as Ball State and Missouri-



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Angela Corcoran takes a penalty kick during the Eastern women's soccer team's exhibition match against Northern Illinois Aug. 16 at Lakeside Field. Corcoran's shot was saved by the goalkeeper, and Eastern tied with Northern 1-1.

Kansas City finished with a combined record of 30-8-3 last season and have yet to drop a game this season.

The difference is that the team followed up last year's learning game against Milwaukee with a 3-2 loss against Wis-

consin-Green Bay, one of just two wins the Phoenix recorded on the year.

This season's rebound proved to be a stronger step up in many regards, as senior goalkeeper Sara Teteak made 10 saves on the day and freshman Nicoletta Anu-

ci posted Eastern's first goal of the 2019 campaign.

Goal scoring remains a key factor in the team's success this season, considering the team averaged under a goal per contest last season, but a new face like Anuci is here to help remedy that.

Anuci brings good speed and foot skills—two aspects that helped her record Eastern's only two shots on goal last contest—and she says she is focused on doing those things going forward.

"I was always told 'Don't worry about the score, the game can change in a second,'" Anuci said. "So just keep playing hard and good things will happen."

Coincidentally, Eastern's next match comes against the team that gave them that learning experience last season.

The Panthers head to Milwaukee for game three of the season to face a squad that boasts a +4 goal differential in four contests this season after finishing 16-2-1 last year.

Although Eastern does not get a break from the tough competition, the hard slate could prove to be more beneficial to a team that continues working out early season kinks on both sides of the ball.

The Panthers' focus should remain on OVC play, and getting to take a few licks at tough non-conference opponents could bode well for late-season action just as it did last year.

However, that's not to say that piling up losses will translate to success in the future.

In-game progress is not always told in the box score, and that is why matchups with top-tier challengers provide good insight for coaches and players on where to make the next move.

Holding a team like Missouri-Kansas City, that tends to score well, to below its previous average is a solid trend that, if it continues, could quietly turn around the season.

The old adage says that Rome was not built in a day, and Eastern's tournament appearance and run last season certainly was not either.

Slow developments and added sparks like Anuci can help prove that 2018 was not just lightning in a bottle for the Panthers.

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